

# From the Upper Chamber



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## Report for Monday, January 29, 2007

The tenth day of the 2007 legislative session was called to order by Lieutenant Governor **Casey Cagle**.

Senator **Don Thomas** of the 54<sup>th</sup> stated that the journal had been read and was found to be correct.

Senate Bills 63-75 were read for the first time and assigned to committees. The clerk of the Secretary then read the second readers.

Following the afternoon roll call, Lt. Gov. **Cagle** recognized Sen. **Michael Meyer von Bremen** of the 12<sup>th</sup>, who took the rostrum to lead the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sen. **Meyer von Bremen** then introduced the *Chaplain of the Day*, Reverend **Garth D. Barton** of Fort Gaines United Methodist Church, who led the Senate in the daily devotional.

There were no Points of Personal Privilege.

Senate Resolutions 93, 94 and 96-103 were read and adopted.

Sergeant-at-Arms **Lorenzo Wallace** escorted Sen. **Judson Hill** of the 32<sup>nd</sup> and his guests, members of a delegation representing the state of Israel, to the rostrum.

The Secretary then read SR 95, which recognizes the friendship between Georgia and Israel and expresses appreciation to Consul General **Reda Mansour** and others for their tireless efforts to promote peace and grow business, cultural and educational ties between the U.S. and Israel.

Sen. **Ross Tolleson** of the 20<sup>th</sup> recognized the Perry Leadership group, who were seated in the Senate gallery.

Sen. **Horacena Tate** of the 38<sup>th</sup> took the rostrum to introduce the *Doctor of the Day*, Dr. **Harrison Rogers, Jr.** of Atlanta.

The Secretary read SB 8, which would change certain provisions regarding the payment of interest in property tax appeals.

President Pro Tempore **Eric Johnson** of the 1<sup>st</sup> took the well to present the Committee Substitute, which caps the amount of interest a property owner would be responsible for if he or she loses an appeal of his or her valuation. He yielded to questions from Senators **Steve Thompson** of the 33<sup>rd</sup> and **George Hooks** of the 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee Substitute to SB 8 was adopted by a vote of 46 to 0.

SB 8 passed by substitute by a vote of 53 to 0.

Sen. **Jack Hill** of the 4<sup>th</sup> took the well to invite Senators to the *Taste of Effingham* reception at the Georgia Train Depot tonight.

Following the announcements, Majority Leader **Tommie Williams** of the 19<sup>th</sup> moved that the Senate stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 30.

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